

REPORT/RECOMMENDATION TO THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
OF SAN BERNARDINO COUNTY, CALIFORNIA
AND RECORD OF ACTION

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August 5, 2003

FROM: EMIL A. MARZULLO, Director
Special Districts Department

SUBJECT: SAFE NEIGHBORHOOD PARKS, CLEAN WATER, CLEAN AIR AND COASTAL
PROTECTION BOND ACT OF 2000 – PROPOSITION 12

RECOMMENDATION: Acting as the governing body of County Service Areas and Board Governed Districts with recreation and park powers, adopt Resolution No. 03-____ to authorize the County of San Bernardino to enter into a contract with the State of California authorizing the Director of the Special Districts Department to submit applications for \$3,491,661 of grant funds from the California Department of Parks and Recreation under the Safe Neighborhood Parks, Clean Water, Clean Air and Coastal Protection Bond Act of 2000, which provides funds for the Roberti-Z'Berg-Harris Open Space and Recreation Grant Program, to assist with the financing of future park improvement projects.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION: The Safe Neighborhood Parks, Clean Water, Clean Air and Coastal Protection Bond Act of 2000 (Proposition 12) was passed by the voters in November 2000. The California Department of Parks and Recreation will be administering the grant funds, which are intended to provide financial assistance to local parks and their facilities. San Bernardino County received two separate allotments from Proposition 12, the Per Capita Grant Program in the amount of \$6,230,000 that is being administered by County Regional Parks and the Roberti-Z'Berg-Harris Open Space and Recreation Grant Program that will be administered by the County Special Districts Department.

The State has calculated the County's allocation of the Roberti-Z'Berg-Harris grant funds at \$3,491,661. Representatives from the County Administrative Office, the Special Districts Department and the Department of Public works (Regional Parks Division) have agreed that the County's share of the Roberti-Z'Berg-Harris funds be entirely apportioned to the Special Districts Department for use within the County Service Areas and Board-governed districts that have park powers.

Board approval of this item is necessary to ensure the County's eligibility for the State administered Roberti-Z'Berg-Harris monies. After the State has reviewed the submitted Board resolution, a contract to receive the grant funds will be sent to the County for the Board's approval. After the contract has been executed with the State, the Special Districts Department will submit individual project applications. Since these grants require local matching funds of 30%, only county service areas and districts with the ability to provide matching funds will be submitting applications.

At this time there are three projects where the ability to provide the required matching funds is anticipated. They are the relocation of the Moonridge Animal Park (\$2,000,000), the Big Bear Valley Recreation and Park District facility expansion (\$1,000,000) and the County Service Area 9, Phelan, purchase of land for a future sports field (\$100,000). If applications are submitted and approved for these three projects, a balance of \$391,661 will be available for other recreation projects as matching funds are available.

REVIEW BY OTHERS: This action has been reviewed by County Counsel (L. Thomas Krahelski) on June 27, 2003. This item has also been reviewed by the County Administrative Office (Wayne Thies, Administrative Analyst), on July 10, 2003.

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FINANCIAL IMPACT: This action has no financial impact at this time. An agenda item to approve a contract and accept the \$3,491,661 in grant funds will be presented to the Board for its approval at a later date. Once this funding has been secured, individual County Service Area and district projects may commence. Since these projects will be financed by funds from the State and the individual County Service Areas and districts, there is no financial impact to the County General Fund

SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICT(S): All

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